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SUBJ: COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS OF FY 1977 MAP AND IMET

REF: STATE 270572, SECDEF 240143Z NOV 76

1. PROPOSED CUT IN NEPAL INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IMET) FROM 35 TO 25 THOUSAN DOLLARS CREATES A PROBLEM SINCE ROYAL NEPAL ARMY DESIRES TO SEND TWO STUDENTS TO C&GSC WITH ADDITIONAL STUDENT TO BE ONE OF THE AIDES-DE-CAMP OF HM KING BIRENDRA. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS PREVENTED USG FROM BEING ABLE TO DO THIS IN FY 76 AND DATT HAD VERBALLY AGREED TO ARMY'S REQUEST THAT SIFFICIENT FUNDS BE RESERVED SO THAT TWO COULD BE SENT THIS YEAR (FY77). SINCE \$5,320 HAS ALREADY BEEN OBLIGATED FOR ONE SERGEANT COST OF SENDCSG TWO STUDENTS TO C&GSC AND FOLLOW-ON PREVENTIVE LOGISTICS COURSE IS \$25,000, TO TOTAL REQUIREMENT FOR FY77 IMET FOR NEPAL IS \$31,000.

2. THIS PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED DURING 17-19 NOVEMBER MAAG CHIEFS CONFERENCE IN HONOLULU AND RECEIVED SYMPATHETIC
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REACTION FROM SENIOR STATE DEFENSE OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE.

IT IS REQUESTED THEREFORE THAT FY 77 IMET FOR NEPAL BE INCREASED TO \$31,000. SECOND REFTEL INDICATES THE ADDITIONAL C&GSC HAS BEEN ADDED TO PROGRAM.

3. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT THIS MODEST INCREASE IN THE IMET IS IN BEST INTEREST OF US GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE OVER THE PAST YEAR TURNED DOWN VARIOUS NEPALESE REQUESTS FOR GRANT AID OR CREDITS. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY MFA AND OTHER GON OFFICIALS THAT AMBASSADOR KHATRI'S REQUEST OF A FEW MONTHS AGO TO STATE WAS AT SPECIFIC DIRECTION OF PALACE OFFICIALS. EVENT THOUGH DATT HAD ALREADY INFORMALLY ADVISED NEPAL ARMY THERE WAS NEXT TO NO CHANCE OF RESUMPTION OF SUCH AID. AFTER ALL THE DISCUSSIONS THAT OCCURED EARLIER THIS YEAR ABOUT TRYING TO OBTAIN A SECOND STAFF COLLEGE BILLET AND EVENTUAL ADMISSION TO DATT THAT WAS FOR ONE OF THE KING'S AIDES, IT WOULD HAVE A RATHER NEGATIVE IMPACT IF WE NOW WERE REQUIRED TO TELL THEM THIS YEAR'S IMET IS TOO LOW TO PERMIT TWO OFFICERS TO BE FUNDED FOR STAFF COLLEGE AT LEAVENWORTH.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE \$6,000 INCREASE IN NEPAL IMET TO TOTAL OF \$31,000 FOR FY 77.

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